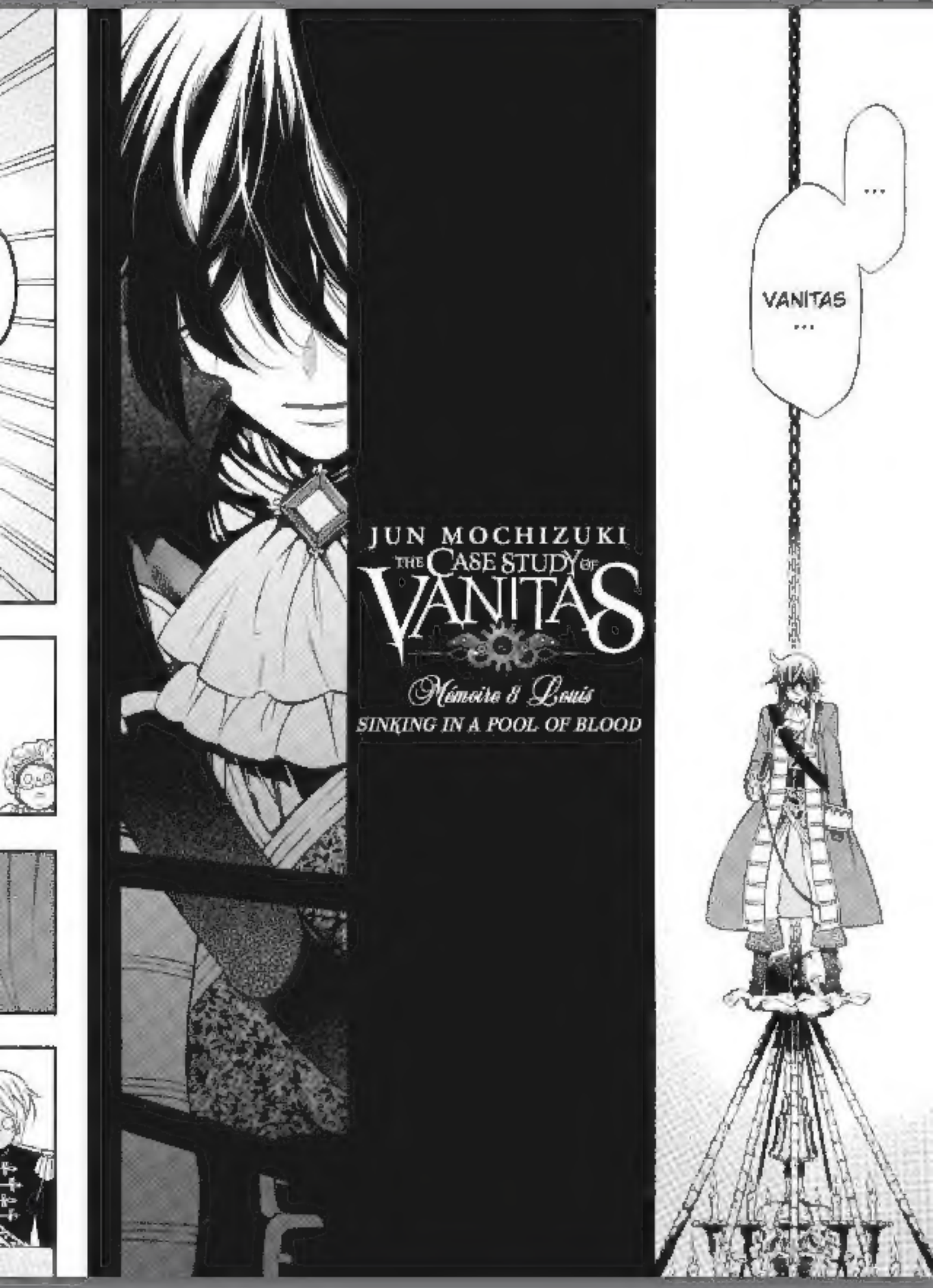
CHAPTER
8

JUN MOCHIZUKI

THE CASE STUDY OF VANITAS

THIS IS REVENGE!!
WHEN I HEARD HIM SAY THAT...
...IT FELT AS IF, QUITE ABRUPTLY... IT ALL MADE SENSE.
I WILL SAVE YOU ...
... WITHOUT FAIL!!
I SEE ...
THAT'S WHY...
...YOU WERE SO...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THE CASE STUDY OF
VANITAS
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SINKING IN A POOL OF BLOOD
...
VANITAS
...

...SO!! THAT'S WHY!!
AND...
I, VANITAS, THE VAMPIRE SPECIALIST, WILL SAVE YOU WITHOUT FAIL!!
IF THERE'S ANYONE AMONG YOU WHO THINKS "I AM INDEED A CURSE-BEARER!", STEP FORWARD! DON'T BE SHY!

WAAAH!
KILL HIM!!
HUH?
ENOUGH NONSENSE !!
E...
KILL THAT HUMAN !!
IT'S OBSCENE!
THE VAMPIRE OF THE BLUE MOON IS WHAT CREATES CURSE-BEARERS TO BEGIN WITH!
KIN OF THE BLUE MOON WILL SAVE US!?
Baby Cradle
MY, MY.
I WAS WONDERING WHAT ALL THE FUSS WAS ABOUT.
STARTING AN UPROAR HERE, OF ALL PLACES ...!
I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING!?
I REALLY DON'T KNOW.

WHATEVER IS A HUMAN DOING HERE?

THE STINK OF HUMANS IS SO STRONG I THINK MY NOSE MAY DROP OFF.
WHAT A STENCH.
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT A MAN.

BUT SHE SAID SHE WASN'T COMING TODAY!
IS THAT... MY SISTER?! VERONICA !?
WAIT...
GEH!

UH... HRM...
FRANKLY, THOUGH, THAT HUMAN INTERESTS ME.
HUH? ME??
MARQUIS MACHINA. HURRY AND REMOVE THAT FILTH, WOULD YOU?
OF COURSE. YOU ARE THE HOST OF THESE FESTIVITIES.
...I SEE.
IN THAT CASE, IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
I'LL DISPOSE OF HIM MYSELF.
OH, NO!

SHA
(CLANK)
!
HUH
!?

WAS THAT ...
YES.
THE HUMAN'S GONE!!
HE'S GONE.
...!?
HEH HEH.
HOW INTRIGU-ING.
SOMEONE SNATCHED THAT HUMAN IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
THAT HUMAN IS STILL LURKING SOMEWHERE!
COME, COME, EVERYONE, THIS IS TERRIBLE!

LET US IMITATE OUR PREDECESSORS, FIND THE FILTHY HUMAN WHO WOULD DO US HARM AND ELIMINATE HIM!!
IT'S A HUMAN-HUNT!

... GOOD GRIEF.
WAAAH!

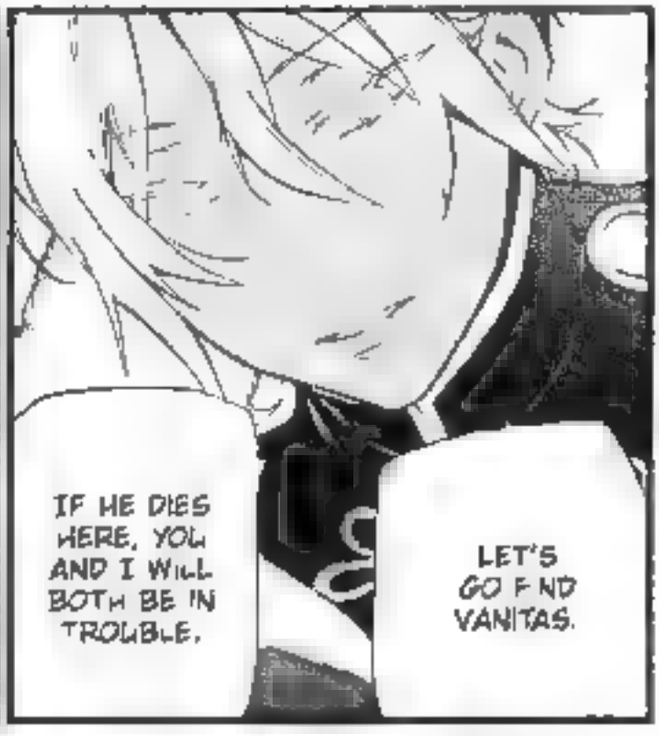
THE ONE WHO JUST CARRIED VANITAS OFF... THAT WAS JEANNE, WASN'T IT!?
HUH?
YES.
HE COULD TELL? BUT SHE WAS WEARING A MASK ...

JEANNE ...?
...

I SAID I WANTED TO GO SEE THE TWO OF YOU AGAIN.
BECAUSE I ASKED HER. .
WHY WOULD SHE SAVE VANITAS?
...
THAT DAY. WITH MY OWN EYES, I SAW A CURSE-BEARER'S TRUE NAME RESTORED
I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED MORE CAREFULLY. TO WHAT YOU SAID
...CAN YOU POSSIBLY FORGIVE MY RUDENESS THE OTHER DAY, MONSIEUR NOÉ...!?
I GREW ANGRY, AND I FAILED TO MAKE A CALM DECISION. I COULDN'T BE MORE ASHAMED OF MY OWN IMMATURITY!

...LUCA.
JUST CALL ME NOÉ, PLEASE ...

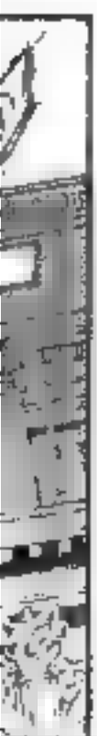
OKAY!
...!


IF HE DIES HERE, YOU AND I WILL BOTH BE IN TROUBLE.
LET'S GO FIND VANITAS.

...BEEP-BOOP!
BEEP ...
BEEP ...
...BEEP-BOOP!
WAAH!
...
BEEP-BEEP..

THAT
LOOKS
LIKE
FUN
...♡
...
THAT'S A SHOCK.

I NEVER DREAMED THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN I'D BE CARRIED BY A GIRL THIS WAY
I SEE. YES, IT'S SURPRISINGLY THRILLI—



...JEANNE.

I DIDN'T THINK WE'D MEET AGAIN SO SOON...

REALLY? THEN I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU A KISS OF LOVE INSTEAD—
DON'T YOU DARE !!

AN EMBRACE, TO CELEBRATE OUR REUNION!
COME!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AS IF ANYONE WOULD!!

!?

DON'T ...
...COME NEAR ME!
HE!
DON'T
JEANNE ...?
...
...?
DON' YOU DARE !!

A JARRING SOUND ...
WHAT IS THIS? IT'S LIKE HUMAN VOICES AND MECHANICAL NOISES, MIXED TOGETHER
A SONG?
AH...
CATH-ERINE?
SISTER ?
AH...

AAAA

SEVERAL CURSE-BEARERS, APPEARING AT ONCE!? BUT THAT'S —!
WAAAAH!
WHAT'S THAT VOICE...!?

WHA ...!?
AAAAAH!
I WONDER IF THE CURSE-BEARER'S VOICES ARE THE CAUSE
WAAAH!
EEEEK!
HO-HO-HO! THIS IS RATHER TROUBLE-SOME.
WHAT'S HAPPENING!?
ARE THEY... HAVE THEY ALL GONE MAD!?
MASTER LUCIUS!!
!?
THANK GOODNESS. YOU'RE NOT
OH
HURT?

WHAT...
...ARE YOU!?

NO!
STAY BACK PLEASE

WHA
—!?

CHAR
...
...
LATAN.
...I'LL
ASK
AGAIN.
WHAT...
ARE
YOU?

OUR NAME ...
...IS CHARLATAN ... ♡
HEE-HEE
...RIGHT.

THINGS SEEM TO BE GETTING EXCITING DOWN THERE.
SIGH
MASTER LUCA!!
THAT
IT'S THE IMPULSE TO DRINK BLOOD, ISN'T IT?
HOW CAN THE MEDICINE HAVE WORN OFF THIS QUICKLY !?
WHY .?
...YOU'RE A CURSE-BEARER?
JEANNE

I...
S'M...
NO BUT IF THAT WERE THE CASE
I...
ガた
I SUPPOSE IT DOESN'T MATTER EITHER WAY.
WELL
...
HERE.

DRINK MY BLOOD.
HUM ..?
THE WEET ...
T, YOU KING ?

.. TOY WITH ME!
DON'T
I'M SAYING ...
...I'LL GIVE YOU MY BLOOD.
YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE PICKY...
YOU WANT TO GO SAVE THAT BOY, DON'T YOU?
WHO'D TAKE HUMAN BLOOD LIKE YOURS!?
WHY ...?
OF BLOOD ..
SMELL ..
THE SWEET ...
WHY.. DO THIS .!?
THEY MIGHT POUR POISON INTO YOU...
MY FANGS. COULD KILL YOU...
WHAT. ARE YOU THINKING . .?

NO REAL REASON.

WHAT WOULD IT FEEL LIKE TO HAVE YOU DRINK MY BLOOD?
THAT'S NOT IT. I'M INTRIGUED.
...NO, WAIT.
...IN LOVE WITH YOU, YOU KNOW.
THAT'S RIGHT. EITHER WAY, I'M...
WHA!?
JEANNE.
COME.

JEANNE.
NOT YOUR BLOOD
I DON'T WANT
NO.
NO!
...JEANNE.
HERE...

!?
...!
AH—

HAH!

I SEE
THIS
HA...
HA...
HA...
HA...
HA...
...ISN'T... ALL THAT BAD... ACTUALLY ...
HEE!
HEE!
HEE!
HEE!

!?
BISH
CRACK
YOU
...NOE?

YOU!!

OUT OF THE WAY!!
...!

IT WAS THIS THING!
...THIS THING—!
BECAUSE OF...
I THOUGHT SO.
OH...

!...
...KNOW YOU.
I'VE SEEN YOU BEFORE, THROUGH SOMEONE'S EYES.
WHAT WAS THE CHILD'S NAME? ...OH, YES...

"LOUIS."
NOÉ, PLEASE.
LISTEN.
YOU WERE THE ONE TO KILL ME.
I'D REALLY RATHER..
AH

NOÉ!!

...?
WHERE
NOE
...
WHY
ARE YOU
CRYING?
DOMI...?

MINA ...?
GILLES.
FANNY.
FRED ...?

LOU...
...IS...
LOUIS.
LOUIS.
LOUIS.
HE WAS DOMI'S BROTHER, OLDER BY A YEAR.
HE KNEW EVERY-THING.
HE WAS VERY MATURE.
SOME-TIMES HE PICKED ON ME, AND...
...WE WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER.
LOUIS...

...WHO WAS BEHEADED AS A CURSE-BEARER.
MY FRIEND ...
TO BE CONTINUED...